

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 16, 2018

Chairman John Culberson  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science and Related Agencies  
H-310 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member José Serrano  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
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2354 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Culberson and Ranking Member Serrano:

We write regarding funding for the Department of Justice in the FY 2019 appropriations legislation. Specifically, we are concerned about the Department of Justice enforcing federal marijuana law in a way that blocks implementation of marijuana reform laws in those states that have passed such reforms.

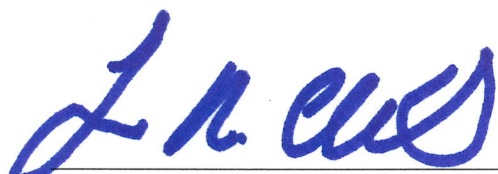
The issue at hand is whether the federal government's marijuana policy violates the principles of federalism and the Tenth Amendment. Consistent with those principles, we believe that states ought to retain jurisdiction over most criminal justice matters within their borders. This is how the Founders intended our system to function.

Experiences of states that have legalized marijuana, as compared to the experiences of states that have not, constitute the very "laboratories" of social and economic experiments that were described by Chief Justice Louis Brandeis when he wrote about the beauty of the Tenth Amendment. Our constitutional framework has afforded the whole nation the chance to allow states to differ on many matters of public policy, including marijuana.

We ask that the subcommittee draft this appropriations bill to include the following language:

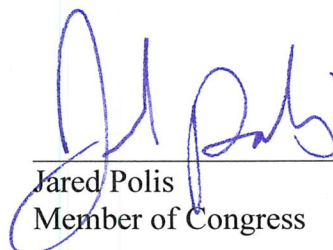
*None of the funds made available in this Act to the Department of Justice may be used to prevent any of the several states from implementing their own laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of marijuana on non-Federal lands within their respective jurisdictions.*

Thank you for your consideration.

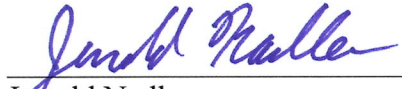


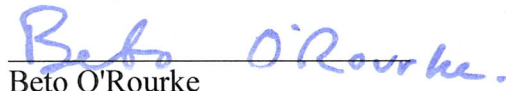
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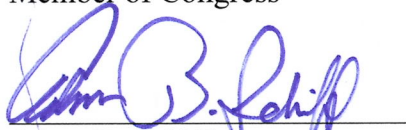
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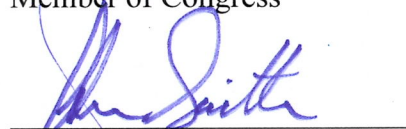


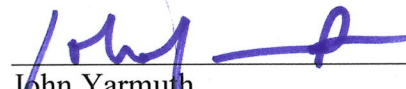
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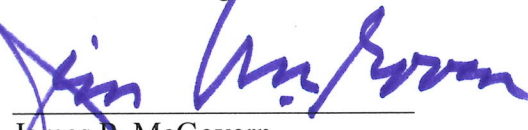
  
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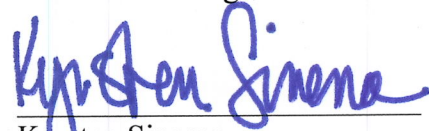
  
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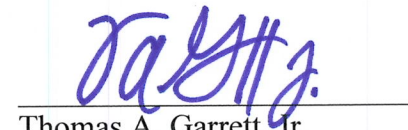
  
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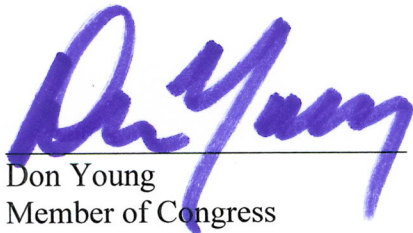
  
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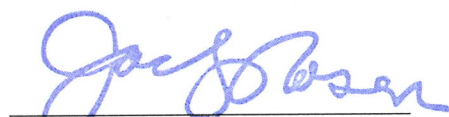
  
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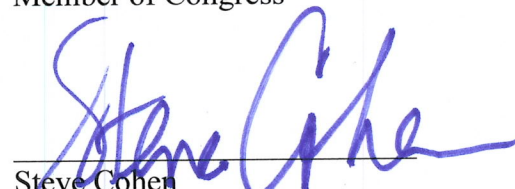
  
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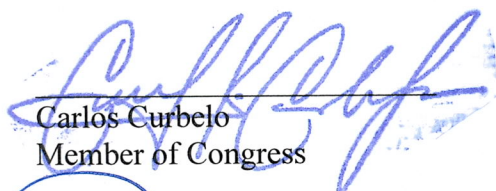
  
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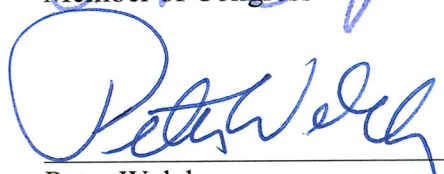
  
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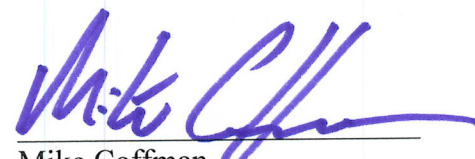
  
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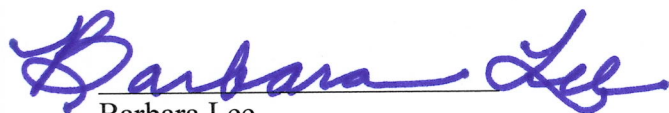
  
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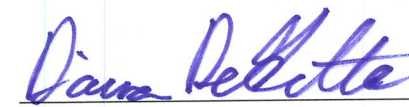
  
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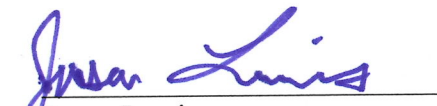
  
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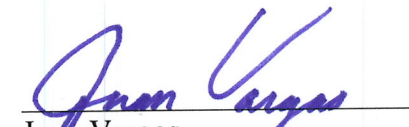
  
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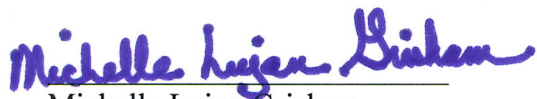
  
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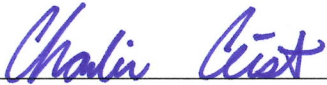
  
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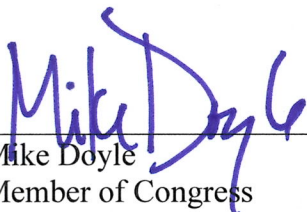




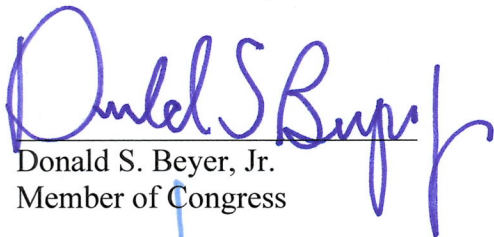
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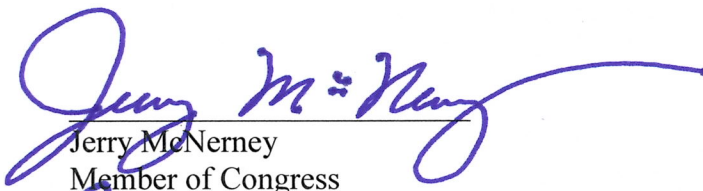
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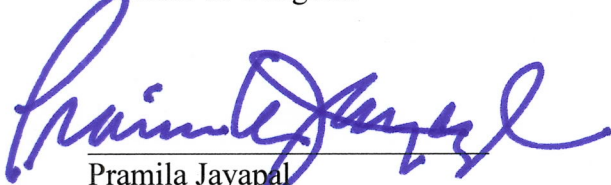
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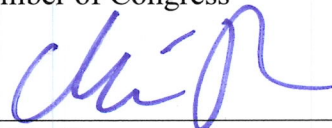
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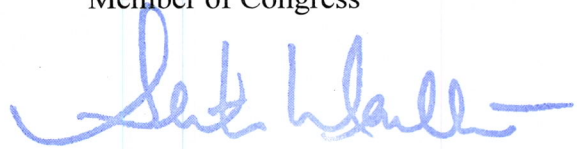
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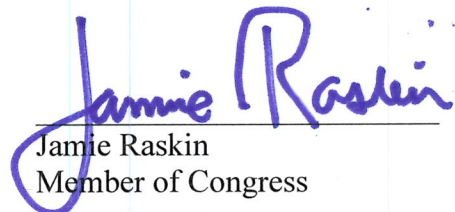
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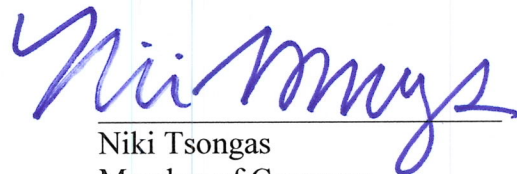
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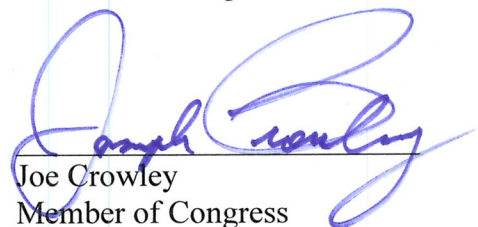
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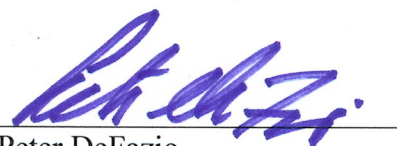
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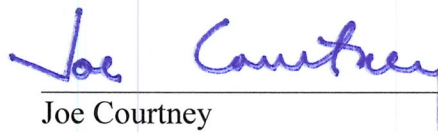
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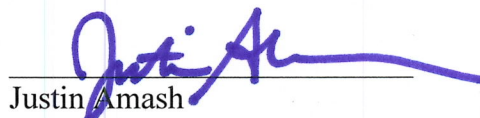
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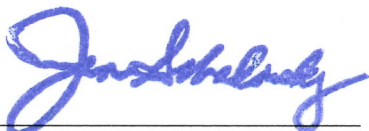
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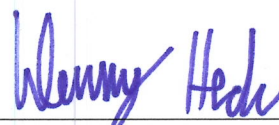
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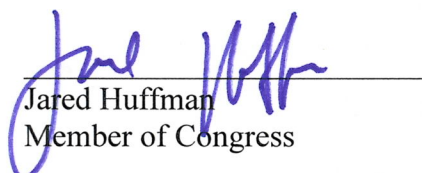
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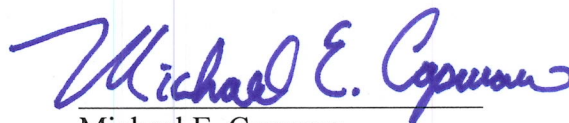
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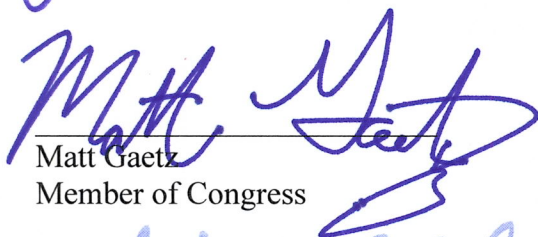
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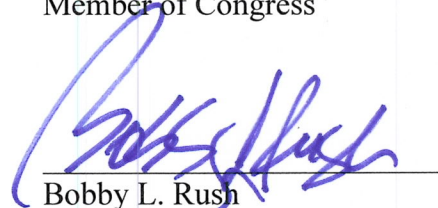
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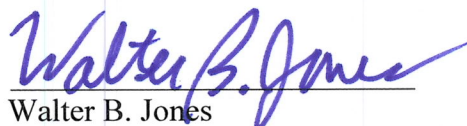
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